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Dear Sirs,

I am very disappointed in the settlement of the antitrust suit against Microsoft. There is no question that they have a monopoly. The sorry software that they churn out, including their operating systems which do not work, is perfect proof that their monopoly is not good for the computer industry or consumers.

Their latest offering, Windows XP, is an example of their boldness due to the unwillingness to hold them responsible. The information gathered and sent to Microsoft is nothing short of criminal, not to mention the fact that they are putting everything into place to require a regularly paid ransom to continue to use their software. Quite frankly, the bugginess of all of their software, including their operating systems, shows that it is all way overpriced as is.

Continuing to allow Microsoft free reign is not good for the computer industry, it is only good for one company, Microsoft, and primarily good for one person, Bill Gates. This is not good for the economy or businesses. It is long past time to hold Microsoft accountable. It should be broken up into an operating system company and a software company, and all contracts which remove buyer options for the operating system installed on a new computer should be declared null and void.

Thank You,

Bob Discher